

Amendment in the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 20-25 to read as follows:

-- Figure 17: Depicts sequencing alignment of CD28 and CTLA4 family members. Sequences of human (H) (SEQ ID NO.:7), mouse (M) (SEQ ID NO.:5), rat (R) (SEQ ID NO.:6), and chicken (Ch) CD28 (SEQ ID NO.:8) are aligned with human (SEQ ID NO.: 3) and mouse CTLA4 (SEQ ID NO.:4). The signal peptides are underlined with a dashed line. The transmembrane domains are underlined with a solid line. The CDR-analogous regions are noted. The hatch-filled ~~dark-shaded~~ areas highlight complete conservation of residues while the stipple-filled ~~light-shaded~~ areas highlight conservative amino acid substitutions in all family members. --

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 1-8 to read as follows:

-- One embodiment of a soluble CTLA4 has been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) ~~in Manassas, Maryland~~ 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209, under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty on May 31, 1991 and has been accorded ATCC accession number: 68629. ATCC 68629 is DNA encoding *CTLA4*Ig. Additionally, the CTLA4Ig-24 CHO cell line has been deposited with the ATCC under the Budapest Treaty on May 31, 1991 and has been accorded accession number ATCC 10762. DNA encoding L104EA29YIg was submitted for deposit on June 19, 2000 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209. The DNA encoding L104EA29YIg has been accorded ATCC accession number PTA-2104. --